

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
October 12, 2021 Minutes**



Members Present

Mayor Salvador Vela
Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr.
Commissioner Ricardo Garza
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr.
Commissioner Richard Arevalo (via Zoom)

City Staff Present

Jeff Underwood
Ricardo Gonzalez
Baudelia Rojas
Jonathan Flores
Mauro Sandoval
Samm Mercado
Rosie Tello
John Salinas

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

With a quorum of the Alton City Commission present, Mayor Salvador Vela called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Mayor Salvador Vela led the group in prayer. Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of September 28, 2021.

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and approve Cascos & Associates, PC engagement letter for audit services of the financial statements of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021.

Rosie Tello, Finance Director stated that at the previous City Commission meeting Cascos & Associates was approved for audit services for the next three fiscal years so this item was the engagement letter for the first year, the cost of \$23,900 is

included in the 20-21 budget. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Discuss and approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Alton Police Department and the San Juan Police Department Law Enforcement Regional Response Team.

Dr. Jonathan Flores, Police Chief, stated that this memorandum would allow for placement of a member of our organization, that is SWAT certified, on the Law Enforcement Regional Response Team. This is a partnership with the San Juan Police Department who houses this organization and would allow a better tactical advantage if needed in our City. This team would consist of one SWAT operator and one hostage negotiator. Staff recommends approval. The San Juan team receives all funding and training and they would provide all the equipment necessary to our SWAT operators so there is no cost to the City. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Discuss and consider approval of Re-nominated CADC members to the Board of Directors.

Steve Pena, CADC Director stated that every two years the CADC has a rotation of the board of directors and three members were up for re-appointment. The CADC's recommendation at their last meeting was to re-appoint Ricardo Garza, Calixto Hernandez and Arturo Galvan. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 & 551.072

- a) Pending and/or potential litigation
- b) Personnel
- c) Real Estate

VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- a) Pending and/or potential litigation
- b) Personnel
- c) Real Estate

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that last weeks celebration of Sparky's 70th birthday during Fire Prevention week had a great community turn out for the drive thru goody bag giveaway. John Salinas, Fire Chief stated that flyers were distributed to the community and schools and the community turn out was good and lots of pictures were taken.

Secondly, Mr. Underwood stated that today the closing of the grant and loan with the Water Development Board was done at 11:00 am for the drainage project for Stewart Blvd from 6 Mile Line Road down to 5 Mile Line. The closing was for the \$5,525,000 in loan and \$2,975,000 in grants. A meeting is scheduled for Monday with the engineer to begin the design.

Also, Mr. Underwood stated that the USDA grant submittal for approximately \$5 million was completed today which was the deadline date, these funds would be used to educate people to become EMT's.

The employee luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 20th at noon in appreciation for all the work done by City of Alton employees.

Mr. Underwood reported that the Alton Police Department received an award from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers for DWI enforcement. Three officers were given awards. Sergeant Ruben Lozano was given the Hero Award, Officer Victor Salinas was given the Unsung Hero Award and Lieutenant George Ibarra was given the Diamond Hero Leadership Award. The Alton Police Department had a total of 131 DWI arrests in 2020 and was given the award of Outstanding Law Enforcement Agency.

Lastly, Mr. Underwood stated that Police Chief Flores and Lieutenant George Ibarra graduated from the Leadership Command College from Sam Houston State after nine weeks and three different sessions of work and more officers will be attending.

X. ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary

Approved by City Commission 10/26/2021

